

CONNECTION CARD

Name _____ Email _____ Date _____

Address _____ Phone _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Names of others attending with you (include grades for children/youth): _____

Service attending: ☐ 8:30 a.m. ☐ 11:00 a.m.

Check all that apply: ☐ 1st time guest ☐ Returning guest
☐ 1st time filling out this card ☐ Update contact info

How did you hear about Pierce Chapel? _____

No. 230

*Hymn of Meditation

O Little Town of Bethlehem

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie;
above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light;
the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;
cast out our sin, and enter in, be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel!

Morning Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

*Hymn of Preparation

Angels We Have Heard on High

No. 238

Angels we have heard on high sweetly singing o'er the plains,
and the mountains in reply echoing their joyous strains.

Refrain: Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

Come to Bethlehem and see Christ whose birth the angels sing;
come, adore on bended knee, Christ the Lord, the newborn King. (Refrain)

See him in a manger laid, whom the choirs of angels praise;
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid, while our hearts in love we raise. (Refrain)

*Prayer for the Offering

(8:30) Will Duke (11:00) Yvonne Proff

Receiving the Offering

Mary, Did You Know?
Sierra Reis
Greene & Lowry

Written Word

Isaiah 7:10-16, Matthew 1:18-25

Spoken Word

Making Room for Love

Rev. Howard White

*Hymn of Commitment

Emmanuel, Emmanuel

No. 204

Emmanuel, Emmanuel, his name is called Emmanuel.
God with us, revealed in us, his name is called Emmanuel. (Repeat)

*Benediction

*Please stand as you are able.

We want to remind you that we have a modern worship service upstairs in our beautiful chapel for those who prefer a different style of worship music.

Next Sunday, December 29, we will have two worship services, both at 10:00 a.m.: the more traditional one in the Worship Center and the more modern one in the Chapel.

Welcome

8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

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Fourth Sunday of Advent; Purple

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

*Call to Worship

Leader: We have been making our preparations.

People: They are preparations of our homes and our hearts.

Leader: Our anticipation mounts as we await His coming.

People: Come, Lord Jesus, come.

*Hymn of Praise

The First Noel

No. 245

The first Noel the angel did say was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
in fields where they lay keeping their sheep, on a cold winter's night that was so deep.

Refrain: Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, born is the King of Israel.

They looked up and saw a star shining in the east, beyond them far; and to the earth it gave great light, and so it continued both day and night. (Refrain)

This star drew nigh to the northwest, o'er Bethlehem it took its rest; and there it did both stop and stay, right over the place where Jesus lay. (Refrain)

Lighting of the Advent Candle

(8:30) Emily, Charlie, Henry & Oliver Moore

(11:00) Belifa, Eden, Kingston, & Kash Walker

Scripture Reading

Psalms 89:1-2

Leader: We light this candle as a symbol of Love. Through the gift of his Son, we know God's love for us. As we await the coming of Christ, may we be channels of that love to the world.

Congregational Response (sung):

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

Musical Word

Love Made a Way

Rouse

Children's Sermon

(After the children's sermon, children age 3-kindergarten are invited to go to Children's Church across the hall in Room 309, and children in 1st-5th grades are invited to go to Chapel Kids in Room 210.)

DECISION CARD

Name_____

Address_____

Phone_____

Email_____

I would like to:

- ☐ Receive Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior.
- ☐ Recommit my life to Jesus Christ.
- ☐ Talk with the pastor.
- ☐ Be baptized.
- ☐ Become a member of Pierce Chapel.

Questions and/or comments: _____

 *Prayer Request*
Please write your prayer request below
so we may join with you in prayer.

Please pray for _____

Requested by _____

Would you like to be informed when prayers
are lifted up? Yes / No

Email _____

Phone# _____

Please place completed form in the offering plate today
or in the locked box at the Welcome Center.
Your request will be communicated promptly
to our 15-member Prayer Team.

OUR STEWARDSHIP FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 15, 2019

Attendance	8:30 Worship: 162	Sunday Connections: 240
	9:00 Worship: 91	Sunday Night Youth: 48 + 14 adult leaders
	11:00 Worship: 182	
	Total in all services: 485	
Generously Given this Week for Ministry		\$34,888
Budgeted this Week for Ministry.		\$27,681
Generously Given to Date for Ministry		\$840,194
Budgeted to Date for Ministry		\$852,691
Building by Faith		
Loan Principal \$670,490		Targeted Monthly Payment \$13,527
Month-to-Date Generously Given		\$13,303
Faith Promise (Mission Offering) Generously Given to Date \$63,055		\$975
Rose Hill Food Ministry (Sunday Connections Offering)		\$130

Gifts were given to Building by Faith in memory of Tom Maholick's brother and mother, Bob Maholick and Ann Clark Maholick, by Pierce Chapel.

We express our love and sympathy to Tom and Juline Maholick at the death of Tom's mother, Ann Clark Maholick, on December 15.



Giving is one way we demonstrate our gratitude for what God has done. Thank you for being a generous congregation! For a quick and easy way to give, just hold your smart phone camera over the QR code to the left, and you will see instructions on how to give directly to Pierce Chapel!

FIRST
TIME
HERE?

Thank you for worshiping with us at Pierce Chapel today. We hope you'll be encouraged and inspired by your experience here and feel warmly welcomed. If this is your first time at Pierce Chapel, please take one of the colored bags found at the Welcome Center. It's our little gift to you! Again, thank you for being here today. May God bless you.

Hearing assistance devices are available in the A/V booth at the back of the Worship Center.

A **"cry room"** with closed-circuit TV capability (Room 305) is available across the hall for parents of infants and toddlers who wish to keep their children with them for the service but feel more comfortable in a more child-friendly environment.

PIERCE CHAPEL SUNDAY STAFF

Rev. Howard G. White	Pastor
Rev. Lynn Meadows-White	Associate Pastor
Roseanna Harbuck	Children's Ministry Coordinator
Kellyn Ward	Children's Ministry Assistant
Donna Pounds	Service Accompanist/Choir Director
Jessica Stanley	The Chapel Worship Coordinator
Katie Ingram	Nursery Director
Debi Van Noy	Preschool Director

Church Office 706-327-9807 Fax 706-327-7253 Preschool 706-327-9807, ext. 6
E-Mail Prayer Ministry: Send prayer requests to prayers@piercechapel.com



Making Room

Advent Sermon Series

December 22, 2019

PIERCE CHAPEL UMC
Open Hearts • Open Minds • Open Doors

Christmas at Pierce Chapel

Tuesday, December 24
Join us for Candlelight Communion Services!

4 pm Traditional
(in Worship Center)

6 pm Traditional
(in Worship Center)

Childcare available for Kindergarten and younger at all services on Christmas Eve.

Sunday, December 29

9:15 am Breakfast
(in north end of Worship Center)

10 am Traditional

10 am Modern

Childcare available for age 3 & younger; Sunday Funday activities available for 3K - 5th grades.

Join us for a special Christmas breakfast & services Sunday, December 29

Hot breakfast line opens at 9:15 a.m.

Two simultaneous worship service options, beginning at 10:00 a.m.

- Modern service in Chapel
- Traditional service in Worship Center

No Sunday Connection classes.

Can you help set up or clean up breakfast?

Contact Susan Wooldridge at 706-358-2973 or fill out the form below to help.
(Check) ☐ Set up and/or ☐ Clean up

Name Phone

Email

5th Sunday Funday on December 29!

*Veggie Tales movie and popcorn
offered for kids grades 3K-5th grade
for both 10:00 am services.*



A called meeting of the Administrative Council has been scheduled for Monday, December 30 at 7:00 p.m. Administrative Council members should have received an email with the agenda from the Council Chair, Mike Slayton.

ARE MY
Kids
ON TRACK?

The 12 Emotional, Social and Spiritual
Milestones Your Child Needs to Reach

#makeeveryweekcount

"Are My Kids on Track?"

Right From the Start Luncheon 2020

Tuesday, January 14, 11:30 a.m.

Featuring David Thomas

St. Luke Ministry Center
301 11th St., Columbus, GA 31901

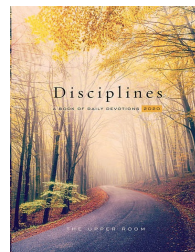
**Right from
the Start**

Because of generous donations from Pierce Chapel, your cost will only be **\$10 per parent**. Fill out the form below for a spot at one of two Pierce Chapel tables. Questions? Contact Roseanna Harbuck at roseanna@piercechapel.com.

DAVID THOMAS, L.M.S.W., is the Director of Family Counseling at Daystar Counseling in Nashville, TN, the co-author of eight books, including the best-selling *Wild Things: The Art of Nurturing Boys* and *Are My Kids on Track? The 12 Emotional, Social & Spiritual Milestones Your Child Needs to Reach*.

Name Phone

Email



2020 Devotional Books Available

The 2020 Upper Room Disciplines offer you a way to spend the year listening to God through daily readings of scripture and reflections on those Bible passages. We have a limited supply, so please reserve your copy by emailing Monica at monica@piercechapel.com. Checks should be made payable to Pierce Chapel (\$12) & earmarked "Disciplines."

Holiday Schedule Changes

- Adult Choir will not meet December 9-January 8.
- Children's Choirs will not meet on December 22 and 29.
- Pierce Chapel Preschool will be closed December 23-January 8.
- The church office will close 12:00 noon on December 24 and is closed December 25-26 and January 1.
- Youth will not meet Sundays, December 22 and 29, or Wednesdays, December 25 and January 1.
- No activities on Wednesday, December 25.